

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH AND PARKS**

A Public Hearing will be held at the Custer State Park – Event Barn, US Highway 16A, Custer SD, 57730 on May 2nd, 2019 at 2:00PM (MDT) to consider adoption, amendment and repeal of Rules pertaining to:

1. 41:04:02:06. Brown County public water safety zones.

Effect: The proposed rule would change the starting date of the “no boating zone” on Putney Slough from October 15 to October 20.

Reason: The change will align restriction dates found in other “no boating zone” regulations.

2. 41:04:02:14. Codington County public water safety zones.

Effect: The proposed rule would remove the “no boating zone” for Long Lake.

Reason: The lake is a productive fishery and removing the boating restriction allows for greater recreational opportunity.

3. 41:04:02:58. Stanley County public water safety zones.

Effect: The proposed rule change would create a “no wake zone” in the area known as Compton’s Cove Canal.

Reason: Local residents are requesting a “no wake zone” to address safety concerns within the canal. Slower boat traffic will increase safety.

4. 41:06:02:03. Hunting license fees.

Effect: The proposal would create two new license types and the fees associated with them. A special any whitetail deer license fee would be established for both residents and non-residents.

Reason: Two new deer licenses are being proposed and as a result respective license fees need to be established for the resident and nonresident licenses.

5. 41:06:19:01. Black Hills deer hunting season established -- Number and type of licenses.

Effect: The proposed rule would change the number of deer licenses that may be issued in the Black Hills hunting season.

Reason: Every other year deer license numbers are adjusted in accordance with the deer management plan and population objectives.

6. 41:06:20:01. West River prairie deer hunting season established -- Number and type of licenses.

Effect: The proposed rule would change the number of deer licenses that may be issued for the West River deer hunting season.

Reason: Every other year deer license numbers are adjusted in accordance with the deer management plan population objectives.

7. 41:06:20:02.01 Special any deer licenses -- Restrictions.

Effect: The proposal would establish allocations of resident and nonresident special any whitetail deer licenses.

Reason: The proposal would allow additional deer hunting opportunities on private land.

8. 41:06:20:02. Open units -- Exceptions.

Effect: The proposed rule would create new private land units for antlerless whitetail deer in West River deer season.

Reason: The change would implement a management tool to address deer population objectives on private land.

9. 41:06:21:01. East River deer hunting season established -- Number and type of licenses.

Effect: The proposed rule would change the number of deer licenses that may be issued for the East River deer hunting season.

Reason: Every other year deer license numbers are adjusted in accordance with the deer management plan and population objectives.

10. 41:06:21:02. Open units -- Exceptions.

Effect: The proposed rule would create new private land units for antlerless whitetail deer in East River deer season.

Reason: The change would implement a management tool to address deer population objectives on private land.

11. 41:06:22:01. Archery deer hunting season established -- Number and type of licenses -- Access permits.

Effect: The proposed rule would change the number of archery antlerless whitetail deer access permits for Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve.

Reason: Every other year deer license and access permit numbers are adjusted in accordance with the deer management plan and population objectives.

12. 41:06:22:01.01. Open units.

Effect: The proposed rule change would allow antlerless archery hunting in the flowing units: 05A, 11A, 11B, 17A, 18A, 22A, 23A, 25A, 32A, 39B, 45B, 48A, 50A, 55A while closing unit 59A.

Reason: The opening and closing of specific units is a management tool used to address deer population objectives.

13. 41:06:22:02. Restricted areas -- Exceptions.

Effect: The proposed rule change would allow for an antlerless archery deer license to be valid for Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge.

Reason: The opening and closing of specific units is a management tool used to address deer population objectives.

14. 41:06:36:01. Sand Lake deer hunting season established -- Number and type of licenses.

Effect: The proposed change would alter the number of deer licenses that may be issued for the Sand Lake deer hunting season.

Reason: Every other year deer license numbers are adjusted in accordance with the deer management plan and population objectives.

15. 41:06:36:01.01. Lacreek deer hunting season established -- Number and type of licenses.

Effect: The proposed change would alter the number of deer licenses that may be issued for the Lacreek deer hunting season.

Reason: Every other year deer license numbers are adjusted in accordance with the deer management plan and population objectives.

16. 41:06:36:02. Sand Lake open units.

Effect: The proposed rule change would alter the beginning date for hunters who possess an unfilled antlerless deer license for any Sand Lake deer hunting unit.

Reason: The change allows for greater recreational opportunity.

17. 41:06:36:02.02. Waubay open units.

Effect: The proposed rule would change the number of days each unit located within the Waubay National Wildlife Refuge would be open.

Reason: The proposed changes would allow for greater participation and more recreational opportunity on the Waubay National Wildlife Refuge.

18. 41:06:41:01. Custer State Park deer hunting season established -- Number and type of licenses.

Effect: The proposed change would change the number of deer licenses that may be issued in the Custer State Park deer hunting season. The proposed rule would also remove a muzzleloader only restriction within unit CUD-2 of Custer State Park.

Reason: Each year deer license numbers are adjusted in accordance with the deer management plan. The removal of the muzzleloader restriction will provide greater recreational opportunities for hunters.

19. 41:06:45:02. Open units.

Effect: The proposed rule change would allow antlerless archery hunting in the flowing units: 05A, 11A, 17A, 18A, 22A, 23A, 25A, 32A, 39B, 45B, 48A, 50A, 55A while closing unit 59A.

Reason: The opening and closing of specific units is a management tool used to address deer population objectives.

Interested persons will be given reasonable opportunity to submit data, opinions, arguments, and their views, either orally or in writing (or both) at the hearing. Persons unable to attend the hearing may mail data, opinions, arguments, and their views to the office of the Secretary of the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks, Foss Building, 523 East Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota 57501, or by going to the GFP website at <http://gfp.sd.gov/forms/positions>. All persons who desire to submit written data, opinions, arguments, and their views by mail or email are encouraged to mail or transmit the same in sufficient time so that it is received by and in the office of the Secretary of the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks 72 hours prior to the date of the hearing. Interested persons will be given reasonable opportunity to submit data, opinions, arguments and their views, either orally or in writing (or both) to the Commission for their consideration. All written and email comments must include the name, home town/city, and state of the person submitting the comments.

The above rule proposals are available for review on the internet by going to <https://rules.sd.gov/> and copies of the proposed rules may be requested from the office of the Secretary of the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks, Foss Building, 523 East Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota 57501. Notice is further given to individuals with disabilities that this hearing is being held in a physically accessible place. Any individuals with disabilities who will require a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in the hearing should submit a request to the undersigned at 605.773.3718 or 605.223.7684 (Telecommunication Device for the Deaf).

Dated this 9th day of April, 2019.



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